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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121 AND 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated November 8, 2005 for which a response was due by February 8, 2006. Accordingly, a one month extension of time is hereby requested under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), extending the time for response to March 8, 2006, and therefore this response is timely filed. The required fee for the 1 month extension of time to respond is enclosed. This response also constitutes a required submission accompanying a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) under 37 C. F. R. §1.114.

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Also filed with this Amendment is a Revocation of Prior Power of Attorney and Power of Attorney and Prosecution by Assignee under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, and the required Certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).

In this Final Office Action, paragraphs 3-4, the Office has indicated that claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC section 112, 2nd paragraph. Claim 1 has been amended to resolve the specified deficiencies and is now patentable and respectfully should be passed to issue.

Also in this final Office Action, Claims 1, 6, 8 and 9 are "provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over" various claims of co-pending application serial number 10/492,294. This rejection is a nonstatutory double patenting rejection. It is respectfully indicated that the present application and co-pending application serial number 10/492,294 are submitted by the same inventor and applicant; that the present application is a US application resulting from a PCT application enjoying a French priority date of March 9, 1999, while application serial number 10/492,294 results from a PCT application enjoying a French priority date of October 12, 2001, i.e. more than two years after the first application. This non-statutory provisional rejection is avoided by a terminal disclaimer filed herewith in accordance with MPEP § 804.02(II), and as specified in paragraph 6 of this Office Action. This issue is explored in more detail in the remarks section below.

In addition, we respectfully call to the attention of the Office, additional related cases including a recently issued patent and several other co-pending applications from the present inventor and applicant, in the requested amendment to the specification below to add a paragraph of related cases.

Accordingly this amendment respectfully amends claims 1-6 and 8-11, retains claim 7 as previously submitted and adds new claim 12.

Please enter the following amendments, which Applicant believes places the application and claims in condition for allowance:

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